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Amendment

In the Claims:

Listed below is a copy of amended claims. A marked-up copy of amended claims is provided in an accompanying document.

5. (amended) The guard of claim 1, wherein the protective portion comprises polytetrafluoroethylene.

35. (amended) A guard for a digit of a hand, comprising: